

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
for Authority to Implement Default CPP Rate  
Options For Large Customers.

Application 05-01-016  
(Filed January 20, 2005)

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric  
Company (U902-E) for Adoption of a 2005  
Default Critical Peak Pricing Structure for  
Commercial and Industrial Customers with Peak  
Demands Exceeding 300 kW.

Application 05-01-017  
(Filed January 20, 2005)

Southern California Edison Company's  
(U338-E) Application for Approval of Rate  
Design Proposals for Large Customers.

Application 05-01-018  
(Filed January 20, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND  
REQUIRING COMPARISON EXHIBIT**

On August 1, 2005, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) will file new proposals to implement default critical peak pricing tariffs for customers with demand in excess of 200 kilowatts (kW) in compliance with Decision (D.) 05-04-053. This ruling sets a prehearing conference, and requires the preparation of a comparison exhibit to assist all parties in reviewing the rate design proposals.

## **1 Prehearing Conference**

On August 1, 2005, the utilities will file new default critical peak pricing proposals for large customers, in the form of testimony, in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 2 of D.05-04-053. It is my plan for parties to move directly to preparation of their responsive testimony without protests or comments.

Therefore, I am scheduling a prehearing conference on August 24, 2005 so that we may discuss the scope and schedule for this proceeding. At the prehearing conference, parties should be prepared to discuss whether additional testimony from utilities is necessary before testimony is served by other parties. Parties should come prepared to discuss scheduling for service of testimony and evidentiary hearings, including potential witness availability.

## **2 Comparison Exhibit**

In order to facilitate all parties' review of the new proposals, I direct the parties to prepare a comparison exhibit. The utilities shall coordinate amongst themselves and prepare an initial template for the exhibit. The draft template shall be provided to staff from the Energy Division and the California Energy Commission, who will have the final call on whether the template is adequate. The template should at a minimum allow for comparison of how each utility has implemented the provisions of D.05-04-053. Prior to the submission of testimony from other parties, the comparison exhibit shall reflect the initial thinking of each party as to whether the method employed by each utility to implement the provisions of D.05-04-053 complies with that decision.

I designate SCE to take the lead on coordinating document preparation, including circulating a draft document, amongst the parties. The comparison exhibit shall be served on the service list in this consolidated proceeding by August 22, 2005.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled for August 24, 2005 at the Commission headquarters in San Francisco.
2. At the August 24, 2005 prehearing conference, parties should be prepared to discuss the scope of the proceeding, schedule, and any other procedural matters necessary for the expeditious processing of the case.
3. The parties shall prepare a comparison exhibit as described herein.
4. Southern California Edison Company shall take the lead on coordinating preparation of the comparison exhibit.
5. The comparison exhibit shall be served on the service list in this consolidated proceeding by August 22, 2005.

Dated July 26, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE  
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Michelle Cooke  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Setting Prehearing Conference and Requiring Comparison Exhibit on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated July 26, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO

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**N O T I C E**

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